

Free the flesh: liberatory
perspectives on body inscriptions

**....or how I learned to stop worrying and love
the gore**

- Everything that modifies our bodies, from the moment we are born to the minute we die, is an inscription which reflects our history, our territory, our family, community, individuality, spirituality, sexuality, and the list goes on. From a birthmark to a tattoo, from an accidental burn to a wound cut performed in the context of psychological suffering, from a spiritual ritual of collective and public flagellation to a medical and therapeutic treatment of bloodletting: these and many other practices fall within the realm of corporal inscriptions.
- *A Comparative Analysis of the Institutionalization and Pathologization of Body Inscriptions* by Cello & Bruno Latini Pfeil
- <https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/cello-latini-pfeil-bruno-latini-pfeil-a-comparative-analysis-of-the-institutionalization-of-bod>

A farewell to arms

- Building the emotional spine of a story about someone who wants to remove their arms

you believe when i jump off the cliff i will fall to my death but you refuse to see my wings and therefore do not understand that i can fly



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The most provocative question
transgressive art can ask is whether
this should be considered
transgressive at all?



FEATURING:

- Violent imagery such as a man driving a nail into his penis, dead rat dissection and open heart surgery
 - If its real, its pixelated; if not, its special FX
- Videos just contain interviews and are essential
- Heads up the videos might make you cry
- Cringe warning for my desperate attempts at humor

Intro: i wuv gore :3

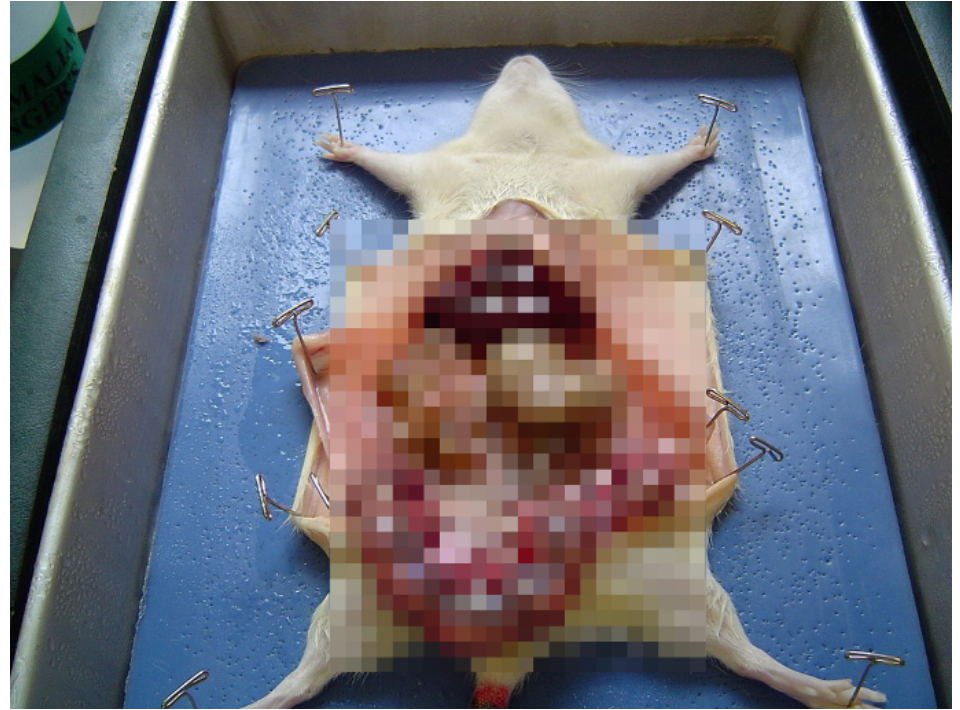
This is not a

- “I read Ogrish for the articles” situation
 - I read them, they suck
- New zine is a “transgressive jewish shockumentary”



I am the kid who was too into science class

- And never grew out of it
- rat By Allen Lew
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This is the Queer Experience for Me

- “this is me” - Gender euphoria

TRANS People Be Like:



TRANSITION
GOALS

Head(2005), Splatter: naked blood(1996), Prince of Darkness(1987), Slugs(1988)



Feeling comes before reflection

Act 1: the body rebels

to live a life of unhappiness
there comes a point after which
whether you like it or not
the body rebels

A revolution in the body

- Trauma can manifest itself within specific parts of our body
- transformation is an act of healing
- “sometimes removing something makes the body feel whole”

Jewel Shuping interview from
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=WdRihAJ3H9Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdRihAJ3H9Q)

“extreme”

Clinical Notes

AUTOCASTRATION AND AUTOPENECTOMY IN A PATIENT WITH TRANSSEXUALISM AND SCHIZOPHRENIA

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Autocastration in Transsexualism

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Unusual Case Report

Autocastration as a Presenting Sign of Incipient Schizophrenia

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Autocastration in Ontario Federal Penitentiary Inmates

SIR: With regard to the report by Waugh (*Jour* November 1986, 149, 656-658), the summary as that autocastration usually occurs in men with chronic paranoid schizophrenia. The evidence this is not clear in the text, and it seems to contradict our experience, with an admittedly selected pa

Four Cases
of
Autocastration

Autocastration as a Counterphobic Focal Suicide

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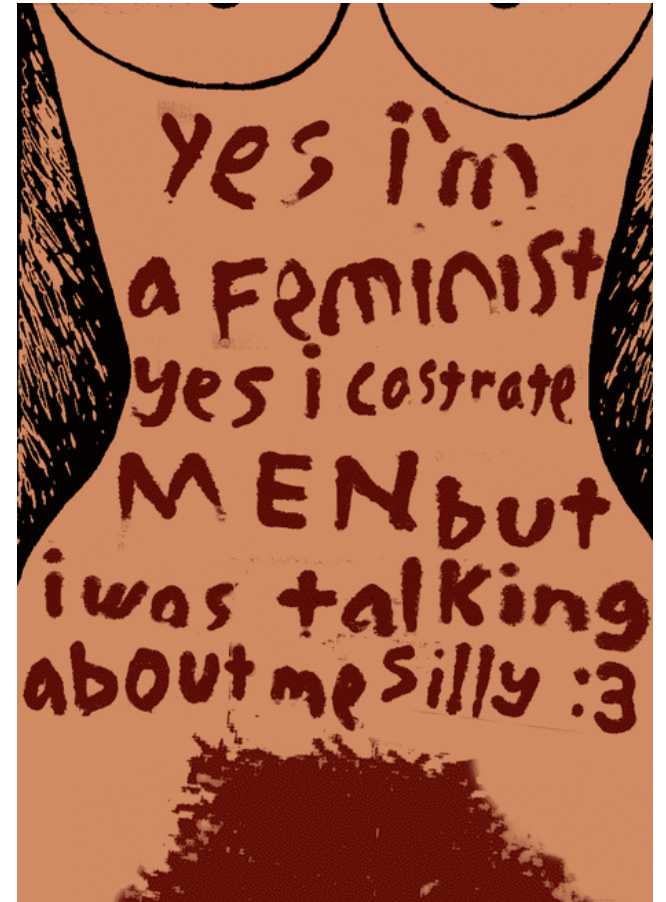
ABSTRACT: A case of autocastration is presented and a psychodynamic formulation is proposed. Implications for treatment are discussed.

Despite some publicity attendant to transexual surgical procedures, autocastration is something of a rarity. Haberman and Michael (1979) point out that there were only forty-four (44) reported cases in the literature from 1900 to 1979.

Castration or autocastration due to religious motives is well docu-

Act 2: taking back what's been
stolen

To all who feel bad for
me that I do not have
access to gender
affirming surgery, don't.
Maybe I would rather
do it myself :3



Story time

AUTOCASTRATION BY A MALE TRANSSEXUAL*

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In recent years there has been considerable psychiatric interest in the problems of

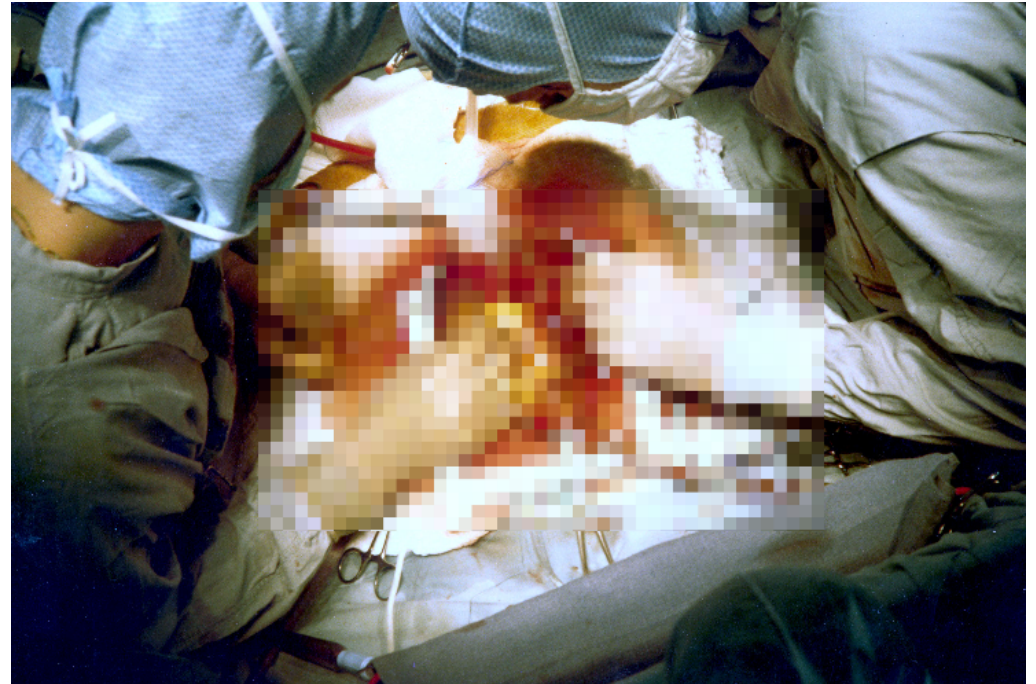
The following case illustrates the difficulties in each of these areas and is suffi-

“Mutilation” vs “Surgery”

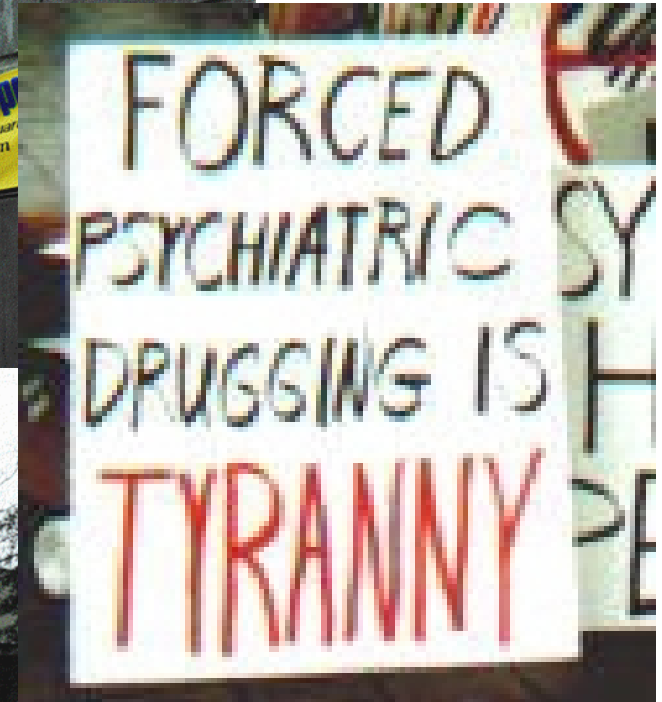
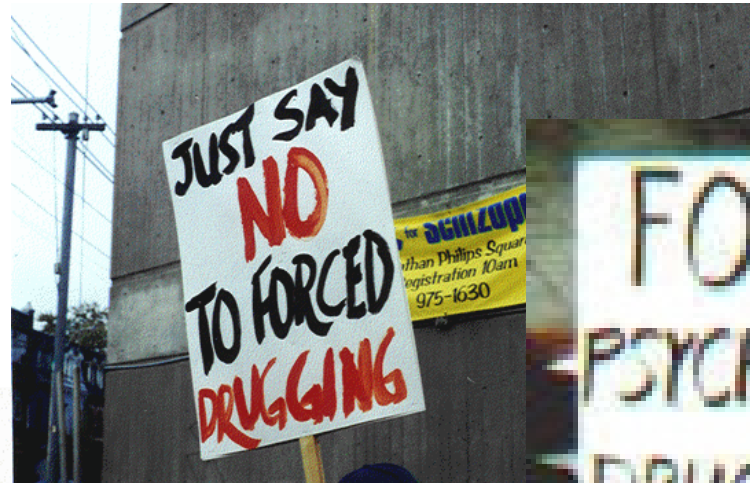
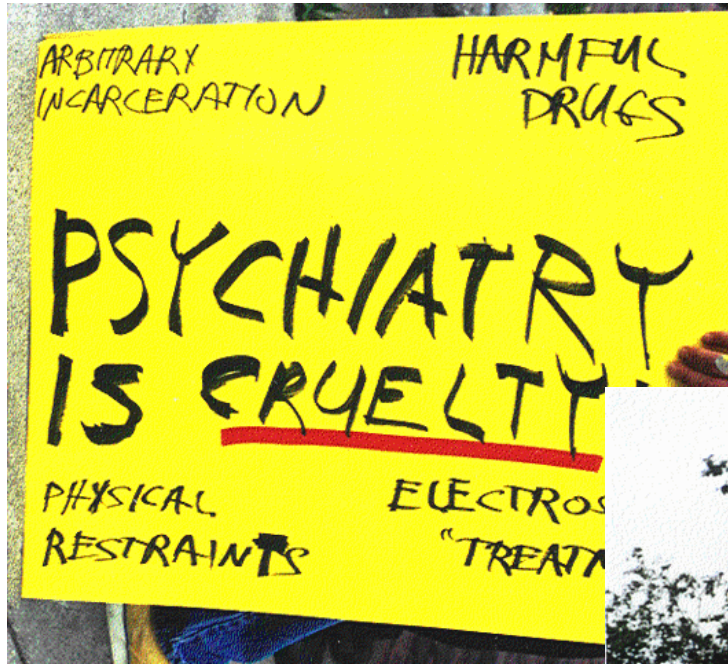
- The state and capital have a monopoly on healing
- The individual, the community cannot determine for themselves what is considered harm or not

Surgery is trauma to the body

- cardiac surgeons performing coronary artery bypass surgery. Note the use of a steel retractor to forcefully maintain the exposure of the heart.
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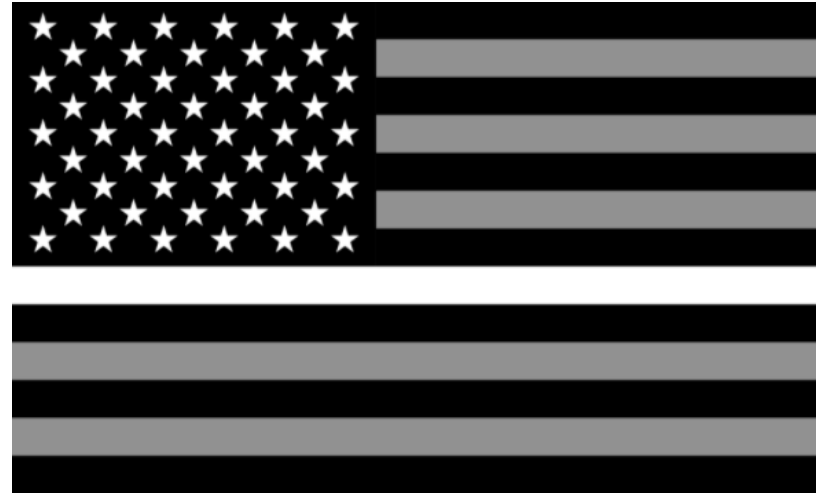
Medication Is Poison



The thin white line

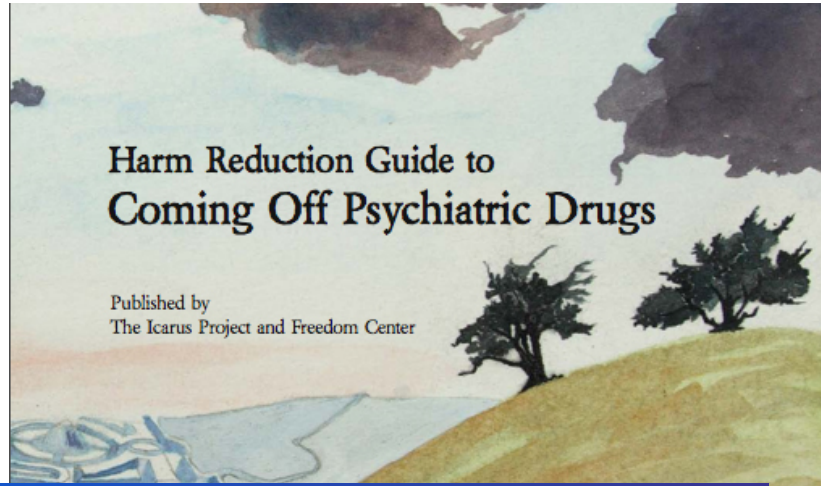
* Eugenics

-Forced sterilizations
of black women,
disabled people, native
american women,

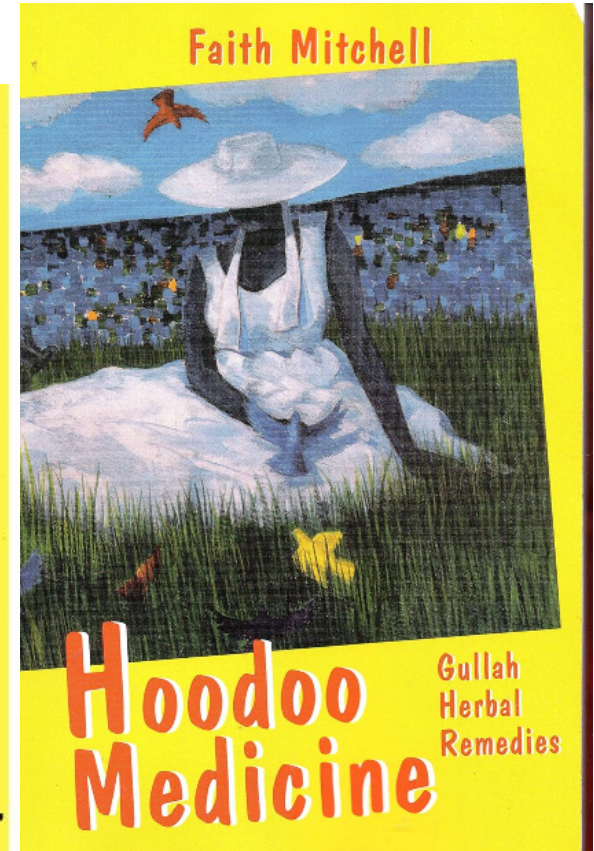
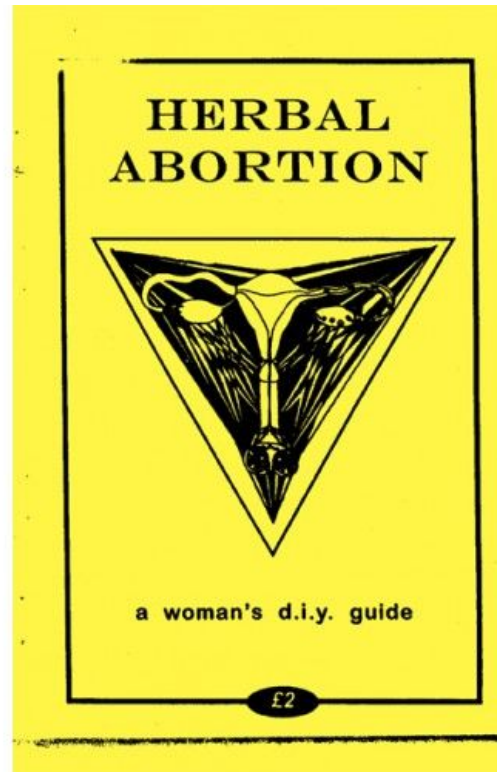


ACAB includes ambulances

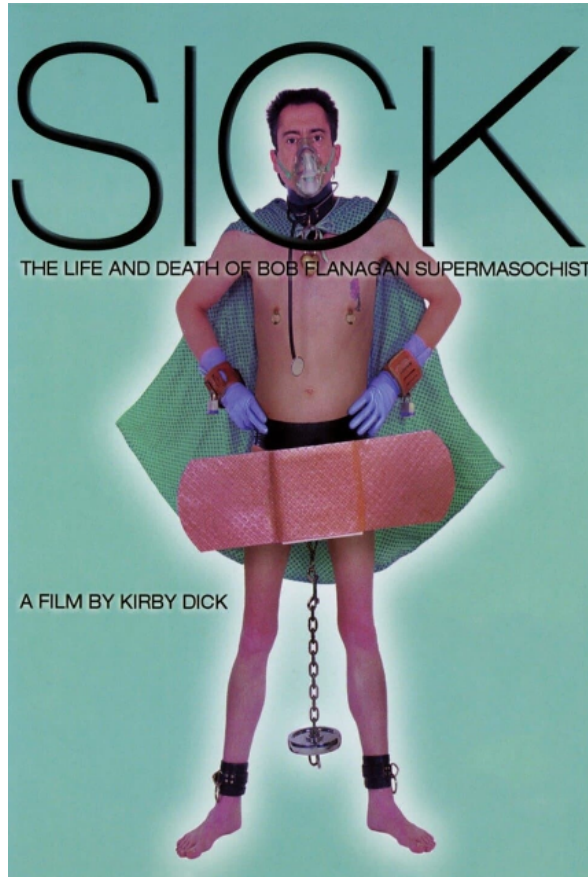
When the status quo is making us sick, the people will heal themselves



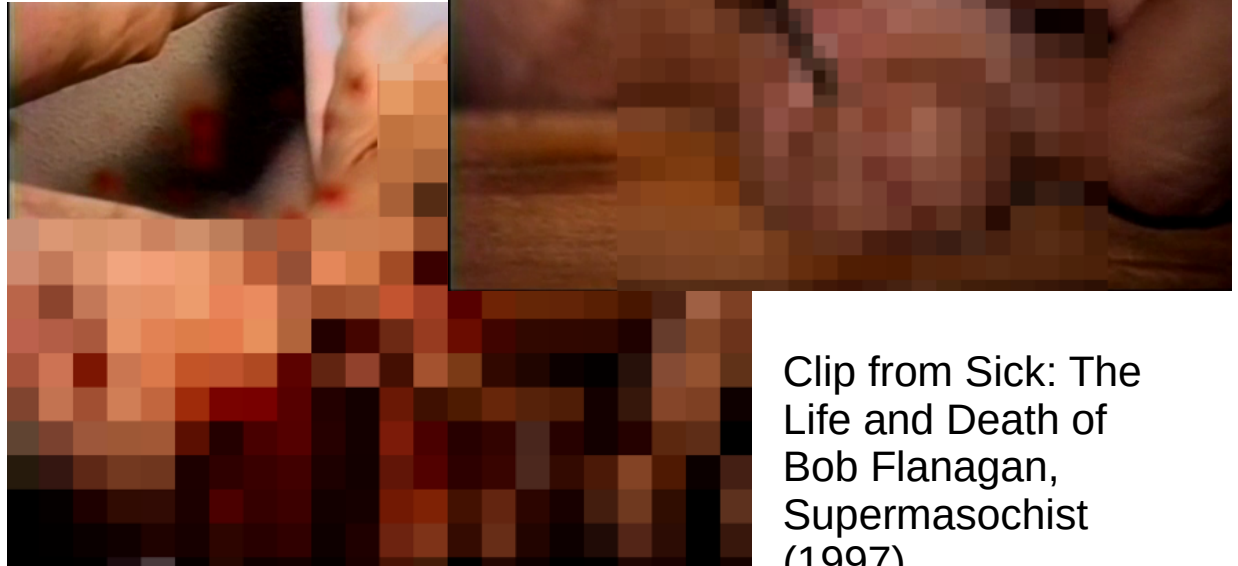
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DIRECTORY



To heal oneself or others means to engage with the body as flesh, meat, blood



Chekov's
nailing a
penis to a
board



Clip from Sick: The
Life and Death of
Bob Flanagan,
Supermasochist
(1997)

"Being able to control your body for a change. Being able to control something".